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SUBJ: SINO- DPRK ECONOMIC AID AGREEMENT

SUMMARY: THE NORTH KOREANS MAY HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED IN SOME ASPECTS OF THE NEW ECONOMIC AID AGREEMENT SIGNED ON JUNE 18 IN PEKING. END SUMMARY.

1. NCNA JUNE 18 ANNOUNCED THE SIGNING IN PEKING OF AN AGREEMENT AND A PROTOCOL FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PRC AND DPRK. AT A BANQUET GIVEN ON THE OCCASION BY THE KOREAN AMBASSADOR ON JUNE 18 VICE PREMEIR LI HSIEN- NIEN DID NOT DIRECTLY REFER TO THE AGREEMENT BUT STATED SIMPLY THAT THE TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES HAD " ACHIEVED SATISFACTORY RESULTS." NORTH KOREAN VICE PREMEIR CHOE JAE U SAID THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHER PROMOTING THE " MILITANT FRIENDSHIP"

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BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

492. THE LAST SUCH PRC- DPRK ECONOMIC AID AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED ON AUGUST 15, 1971. NOT SURPRISINGLY, STATEMENTS AND SPEECHES MADE AT THAT TIME CONTRAST SHARPLY WITH COMMENT ON THE CURRENT ACCORDS. THE 1971 DOMINANT THEME OF PRC- DPRK UNITY AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMIES OF " US IMPERIALISM AND JAPANESE MILITARISM" DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE CURRENT STATEMENTS. LI' S CHARACTERIZATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE TALKS SUGGEST THAT THE KOREANS HAD POSSIBLY ASKED FOR MORE THAN THEY RECEIVED. THE ECONOMIC AGREEMENT IN AUGUST 1971 WAS FOLLOWED BY A SEPARATE AGREEMENT IN SEPTEMBER THAT YEAR FOR THE FREE SUPPLY OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE. SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF PRC MILITARY EQUIPMENT ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PROVIDED UNDER THAT AGREEMENT. MEANWHILE, AS A GESTURE OF SOLIDARITY, THE ENTIRE CHINESE LEADERSHIP WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MAO AND CHU TE SHOWED UP FOR THE JUNE 18 SHOWING OF THE KOREAN REVOLUTIONARY OPERA " FLOWER GIRL."

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